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SUBJECT: FRASER SUB-COMMITTEE HEARINGS, MARCH 22

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1. SUMMARY: MARCH 22 SESSION OF FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS, DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO TESTIMONY OF PAK BO-HI, CONCENTRATED ON PAK'S ROLE IN FOUNDING OF KOREA CULTURAL AND FREEDOM FOUNDATION, HIS LATER ACTIVITIES AS FOUNDATION OFFICER AND POSSIBILITY THAT ROKG AND KCIA HAD USED FOUNDATION TO INFLUENCE AMERICAN POLICY ON KOREA. PAK ADMITTED THAT FOUNDATION HAD ACQUIRED PART OF ITS MAILING LIST FROM KOREAN EMBASSY AND THAT HE ONCE PASSED \$3,000 FROM KCIA WASHINGTON STATION CHIEF TO A WOMAN IN JAPAN. PAK, WHO APPEARED UNDER SUBPOENA, CLAIMED THAT HE IS BEING HARASSED BY SUBCOMMITTEE AND THAT MAIN TARGET OF INVESTIGATIONS IS UNIFICATION CHURCH LEADER SUN MYUNG MOON. END SUMMARY

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2. THE MARCH 22 SESSION OF THE FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING ON KOREA WAS TAKEN UP EXCLUSIVELY WITH TESTIMONY OF PAK BO-HI, ASSISTANT TO UNIFICATION CHURCH FOUNDER SUN MYUNG MOON AND PRESIDENT OF THE KOREA CULTURAL AND FREEDOM FOUNDATION (KCFF). OPENING OF PUBLIC SESSION WAS DELAYED BY EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD AT REQUEST OF PAK'S COUNSEL. A

QUORUM OF FRASER, RYAN, HARRINGTON AND DERWINSKI VOTED FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION, AFTER WHICH ONLY FRASER AND DERWINSKI REMAINED IN ATTENDANCE.

3. CONGRESSMAN FRASER MADE A SHORT OPENING STATEMENT SUMMARIZING PREVIOUS DAY'S TESTIMONY. PAK THEN MADE A SHORT IMPROMPTU SPEECH. HE SAID THAT AFTER INITIAL COOPERATION WITH THE SUBCOMMITTEE HE HAD ADAMANTLY RESISTED INVESTIGATION BECAUSE HE FELT IT LACKED OBJECTIVITY AND WAS CAUSING UNNECESSARY PROBLEMS FOR INNOCENT PEOPLE. PAK THEN READ INTO RECORD A 50-PAGE STATEMENT ELABORATING ON THESE THEMES, COMPLAINING OF PRESS TREATMENT OF HIMSELF AND UNIFICATION CHURCH AND UNFOUNDED LINKAGE OF THE UNIFICATION CHURCH WITH THE KCIA.

4. PAK ALSO COVERED HIS BIOGRAPHY, INCLUDING SERVICE DURING THE KOREAN WAR, CONTACTS WITH AMERICANS, AND LATER ARMY SERVICE INCLUDING ASSIGNMENT AS ASSISTANT MILITARY ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON. PAK COMPLAINED BITTERLY ABOUT PRESS ASSERTIONS THAT THE UNIFICATION CHURCH WAS FOUNDED BY THE KCIA AND HE SAID THAT REVEREND MOON IS THE REAL TARGET OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE. PAK SAID THAT THE UNIFICATION CHURCH IS APOLITICAL AND THAT HE, KCFF AND THE RADIO OF FREE ASIA WERE CLEARED IN EARLIER U.S. GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATIONS. THE FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE, HE SAID, IS REHASHING OLD EVIDENCE IN ORDER TO HARASS HIM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND THE CHURCH.

5. PAK'S FORMAL STATEMENT CONCLUDED WITH EXPLANATION OF HIS SUPPORT FOR THE PARK CHUNG HEE GOVERNMENT BASED ON CONVICTION THAT GOD HAS PLACED KOREA IN A STRATEGIC POSITION INTERLOCKING THE DESTINIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES.

6. INITIAL QUESTIONING CONCENTRATED ON BIOGRAPHIC DETAILS AND EVENTS LEADING UP TO FOUNDING OF THE KOREAN CULTURAL AND FREEDOM FOUNDATION. TESTIMONY WAS ALSO DEVELOPED ON SUPPORT FOR THE FOUNDATION BY PROMINENT AMERICANS IN EARLY YEARS AND THE FOUNDATIONS INDEPENDENCE FROM ROK EMBASSY OR KCIA. CONGRESSMAN FRASER ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF THE KOREAN CULTURAL AND FREEDOM FOUNDATION, THE RADIO OF FREE ASIA (ROFA) AND THE SEOUL FREEDOM CENTER.

7. PAK ADMITTED THAT HE HAD TAKEN THE KCFF MAILING LIST OF SOME 60,000 NAMES TO SEOUL FOR USE IN SENDING A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT PARK TO ROFA SUPPORTERS. HE SAID THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST INSTANCE IN WHICH HE HAD SOUGHT ROKG

INVOLVEMENT IN ROFA AFFAIRS AND THAT THIS EFFORT WAS

KEYED TO ROFA CAMPAIGN ON BEHALF OF US POW'S AND MIA'S
IN VIETNAM. A COPY OF THE LETTER FROM PRESIDENT PARK
WAS INTRODUCED INTO THE RECORD.

8. IN RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS, PAK SAID THAT THE KCFF
OBTAINED PART OF ITS MAILING LIST FROM THE ROK EMBASSY
PRESS SECTION, BUT THAT FOR THE MOST PART, FOUNDATION
MAILINGS HAD BEEN ORGANIZED BY A PROFESSIONAL FUND-RAISING
CONSULTANT. PAK SAID THAT HIS CONTACT WITH THE BLUE HOUSE
IN REGARD TO THE LETTER FROM PRESIDENT PARK WAS MADE
THROUGH PAK CHONG-KYU, WHO WAS THEN HEAD OF THE PRESI-
DENTIAL PROTECTION SERVICE.
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9. FRASER ASKED A SERIES OF QUESTIONS ON PAK'S KNOWLEDGE
OF KCIA AFFILIATIONS OF VARIOUS KOREANS INCLUDING
KIM UN-YONG, ALSO IDENTIFIED AS MICKEY KIM. FRASER INTRO-
DUCED INTO THE RECORD AN ACCOUNTING ENTRY FROM KCFF BOOKS
FOR A \$100 GIFT TO KIM ON THE DEATH OF HIS MOTHER. THE
ACCOUNTANT'S NOTATION DESCRIBED HIM AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
OF THE KOREAN SECRET SERVICE OF WHOM "FAVORS ARE SOMETIMES
ASKED" TO FURTHER KCFF BUSINESS.

10. PAK SAID HE WAS NEVER REALLY CERTAIN WHETHER KIM
WAS A KCIA EMPLOYEE. HE SAID THAT KIM WAS IN A POSITION
TO HELP THE KCFF AND WAS AN IMPORTANT FRIEND IN GOVERN-
MENT.

11. PAK SAID HE ACTED ONCE AS A MESSENGER FOR \$3,000
TRANSMITTED FROM THE KCIA FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES OF A
UNIFICATION CHURCH MEMBER FROM JAPAN WHO HAD APPEARED AT
PUBLIC RALLIES IN KOREA. PAK SAID HE RECEIVED A HAND-
WRITTEN LETTER FROM WASHINGTON KCIA STATION CHIEF YANG DU-
WON, DELIVERED TO HIM BY KIM SANG-GUN. PAK TESTIFIED
THAT YANG HAD IN ESSENCE CHALLENGED HIM TO GET THE WOMAN
TO ACCEPT THE MONEY WHICH ROKG AUTHORITIES IN KOREA HAD
ATTEMPTED TO DO WITHOUT SUCCESS. PAK SAID THAT YANG
WROTE HIM THAT, OTHERWISE, HE WOULD NO LONGER REGARD
PAK AS A "MAN OF INFLUENCE" IN THE UNIFICATION CHURCH.
PAK SAID THAT HE SUBSEQUENTLY WROTE THE WOMAN AND ASKED HER
TO VISIT HIM DURING A TRIP HE TOOK TO KOREA. HE SAID THAT
HE WAS THEN ABLE TO PERSUADE HER TO ACCEPT THE FUNDS.
PAK SAID THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE SUBCOMMITTEE
WITH AN AFFIDAVIT FROM THE WOMAN ON THE ISSUE AND WOULD
ALSO BE WILLING TO PROVIDE THE WOMAN'S NAME IN EXECUTIVE
SESSION OR BY LETTER, IN ORDER TO PROTECT HER PRIVACY.
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HE SAID HE REGRETTED THE INCIDENT, SINCE IT HAD LED TO
UNFOUNDED ALLEGATIONS OF CHURCH-KCIA TIES.

12. BY RECESS AT 2:00 P.M., THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAD NOT

COMPLETED PLANNED QUESTIONING OF PAK. THE SESSION
WILL RESUME APRIL 11. VANCE

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